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Rev. J. Mc. Newkirk, Rose Hill, N. C.	$ 1.00
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Rev. M. D. Dickson, Wilmington, N. C. 1.00
Rev. J. W. Jones, Willard, N. C. 1.00
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Rev. T. A. Powers, Wallace, N. C. 1.00
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Bro. H. A. McCallop, Turkey, N. C. ..... $ 1.00
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Bro. Charlie Williams, Watha, N. C. 1.00
Bro. J. R. Faison, Willard, N. C. 1.00
Bro. Richard Powell, Willard, N. C. 1.00
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Bros. D. J. Faison, R. P. Faison, James Faison, Joseph Smith, Richard Smith, Ernest Smith, D. A. Williams, J. H. Dobson, Harrison Grimes, S. T. Wilson, N. Faison, L. Newton, M. T. Cobb, H. C. Wright, John Lavister, Forest Highsmith, W. H. Highsmith, J. E. Kensey, J. C. McCloude, Henry Williams, L. Hall, Ben Herring, Rommie Uuderwood, Isaiah Hargrave. Thomas Bell, Amos Roberson, W. H. McCallop, E. V. Tomes, W. H. Cooper, E J. Faison, L. W. Williams, Arthur Bowden, I. Durham, Isaiah Newkirk, C. C. Graham, W. M. Faison, W. M. Bryant, E. N. Newton, E. Dobson, Shade Gilispie, C. C. Herring, J. P. Frvar, Lorenzo Whitehead, C. W. Kennon, Andrew Graham, Roy Stallings, J. H. Johnson, A. J. McKennon, B. R. Newkirk, S. C. Carroll, D. C. Morrisy, H. C. Ashford, L. Johnson, Dave Biggett. H. K. Lyde, Philip Gause, Nick Clayton, W. H. Carr, Handy Miller, Richard Baskerville, S. Fennell. O.C. Hayes, H. Lamb, James Carr, C. H. Hayes, C. H. Henry, C. Bryant, Lewis Boykin, Ivory Boykin, William Hayes, R. M. Middleton, J. D. Faison, Matthew Grantham, H. McKoy, R. Johnson, G. H. Walker, J. L. Moore, Perry Brice, L. L. Lofton, J. D. Pearsall, O. B. Sidberry, W.S. Batts, R. S. Williams, T. Shedrick, J. L. Lyde, W. F. Moore, W. A. McCrae, G. W. Fennell, Lon Gilispie, J. Wint Hodges, David Moore, W. J. Moore, S. M. Murphy, R. J. Marshburn, Shade Conner, John Jones, Limuel Pearsall, A. D. Butler, E. F. Hargrove, H. Newkirk, W. Artist, John Hodges, Allen Mathis, G. W. Kennedy, T. E. Armstrong, Q. B. McAllister, Willie Williams, Roosevelt Simpson, Daniel Hill, J. E. Williams, L. R. Williams, J. W. Smith, A. J. James, L. F. Fryar, J. H. Carlton, O. C. Williams, W. B. Parker, G. F. Cottle, R A. Evans, Mike Williams, J. G. Farrell, Luther Pickett, Levi Faison, J.F. Bowden, L. Bass, A. Stewart, A. Page, B. Thompson, Frank Quen, William Stallings.

Rules of Decorum of the Churches

1. We will hold at least four Conference meetings in the year for the transaction of business; also special meetings whenever requisite.

2. The names of members shall be called at every regular meeting and there shall be due notice taken of the absence of those who evince a disposition to absent themselves.

3. At every Conference, the pastor in his right of office shall preside as Moderator; and in case of his absence, the Conference shall appoint a Moderator pro tem. who shall open Conference with devotional exercises.

4. The Clerk shall keep a Church book, in which all the proceedings of the Conference shall be faithfully transcribed, and at each regular meeting the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read immediately after the names are called.

5. An invitation shall be given to the brethren of our faith and order to sit with us in Conference, who shall enjoy all the privileges of the meeting except that of voting.

6. Every subject for the consideration of the Conference shall be introduced by a motion, when seconded shall be debated and acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. Every speaker shall arise and address the Moderator by the appelation of brother, and shall confine his remarks to the subject under debate, and shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on one subject, unless by permission of the Church.

8. No member shall withdraw from the Conference without permission from the Moderator.

9. It shall be required that in matters of difference between members before complaint is made to the Church the aggrieved party shall have duly attended to the instruction of our Lord's Gospel as recorded by St. Matthew 18th chapter, 16th, 17th and 18th verses, and public offenses such as operate against the peace of the Church shall be subjects of discipline.

10. All questions submitted to the Conference shall be decided by a majority of votes, except receiving members to membership; and any question may be reconsidered upon the motion of any one who voted in the affirmative.

11. The Moderator shall propound all questions for vote; he shall keep the speaker to the subject under debate, may express his own views after others are through speaking, and see that these rules are faithfully observed.

12. These Rules of Decorum may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the whole Church.

Resolved: That this Association recommend the adoption of the foregoing rules to all the churches that comprise this body.

PROCEEDINGS

The Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association met in its Fifty-Ninth Annual Session with the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Mount Olive, N. C., Rev. J. Mac Newkirk, President, presiding over the deliberations.

The association was called to order promptly at 11 A.M. The meeting was opened with Rev. W. H. Hall and Rev. R. M. Godwin leading the prayer service. Hymn No. 164 was sung. Then fifteen verses of the third chapter of John were read by Rev. Hall. Also prayer was led by Rev. Hall. Second selection, "My soul be on thy guard," was sung, after which, according to program, Rev. J. N. McKnight conducted praise service for fifteen minutes; who sang as the first song "O for a heart to praise my God," etc. The following persons gave expressions in the meeting: Revs. J. N. MacKnight, J. Mac Newkirk, J. T. Deans, Dr. C. C. Summerville, Rev. Stokes, Bro. A. R. Middleton, Bro. D. A. Williams, Rev. J. H. Johnson and Rev. W. H. Hall.

These spoke in terms of praise to God for bringing us together in our fifty-ninth annual session. Then "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung by the congregation. This brought the praise service to a close. According to program, Rev. S. H. Newkirk accompanied by Rev. S. L. Stanford, was called to preach the Introductory sermon. Rev. Stanford lined hymn No. 15, "Jesus I throw my arms around," etc. The speaker was introduced by the President, Rev. J. Mac Newkirk. The speaker then arose and announced his text from Isaiah 22:23, words "I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place, and He shall be a Glorious Son in His father's house." The sermon was very pointed and inspiring and was felt very keenly by all. At the close of the sermon Rev. J. N. McKnight lifted the offering. An amount of $10.35 was raised.

The Program was adopted subject to change by the President. Dr. O. S. Bullock of Raleigh and Dr. S. L. MacDowell of Durham as visitors were asked to come forward and were introduced to the association by the President. They made some very interesting remarks which we all enjoyed. Benediction by Rev. C. C. Summermille.

Thursday Afternoon

The association re-assembled at 2:30 and was called to order by the President. Prayer service was conducted by Rev. W. H. Hall and Rev. J. H. Johnson. Rev. Hall lined hymn No. 214, "My soul be on thy guard," etc. The 15th chapter of St. John was read and also prayer was led by Rev. J. H. Johnson. A selection was rendered by the choir, "Since Jesus came into my heart," etc.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Rev. S. L. McDowell of Durham was presented and spoke briefly on State work. Dr. O. S. Bullock of Raleigh was presented and with a few well chosen words spoke very interestingly. After which music was rendered by the choir. Rev. J. A. Styles accompanied by Rev. Grimes, was called to preach the afternoon sermon. Six verses of the 17th chapter of Matthew were read, and also prayer led by Rev. Grimes. Music was rendered by the choir. The speaker was introduced by the Vice President, Rev. J. P. Faison.

The speaker arose and announced for his text Isaiah 3rd chapter 5th to 8th verses. The sermon was spiritual and soul-stirring. After which Rev. McKnight called for general enrollment. Rev. J. A. Lewis lifted an offering amounting to $3.25. Benediction by Rev. C. J. Morrisey.

Thursday Night

The session was opened with a local program rendered by the members of the church and association. Mrs. Sudie Raynor acted as Mistress of Ceremony. The welcome addresses were given by Rev. J. T. Deans on part of the church; on part of the Sunday School by the Supt.; on part of the town by the Mayor; and on part of the business men of the town by the Cashier of the bank. Rev. J. D. McCrae responded to the welcome addresses.

At the close of the local program Rev. J. A. Lewis was asked to ascend the rostrum and preach the Doctrinal sermon. The choir rendered a selection while the speaker and his associate ascended the rostrum. The Moderator then arose and with a few chosen words presented the Rev. Lewis as the speaker of the hour. Rev. Lewis then arose and in his usual way addressed the Moderator and thanked the program committee for the honors placed upon him to preach the Doctrinal sermon for the association. In announcing his

subject he said that we have had preached to us the doctrine of the church but he had decided to preach the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. From this subject the speaker brought to us a great message, which was logical, full of thought and inspiration. He took us away in a spiritual atmosphere, and our hearts did burn while he talked with us.

At the close of the sermon the choir rendered a selection, assisted by Mrs. M. D. Dickson. A splendid offering was taken for this occasion, and the session closed in harmony. Benediction by Rev. J. P. Faison.

Friday Morning Session

The association was called to order by the Moderator at 10 A. M. The prayer service was conducted by Rev. J. H. Johnson and Rev. W. D. Wilson. Rev. Johnson lined hymn No. 214. Rev. Wilson read Scripture lesson and offered prayer. Second hymn was sung, "I love thy kingdom," etc. The Moderator made some remarks and announced the meeting opened for business. The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved. Then the Moderator called Rev. J. N. McKnight and ordered him to proceed with calling of the Ministerial Roll, after which the various committees were appointed. The report of Officers was called for. The President made a verbal report, and all of the other officers made their reports, and same were approved by the association. After which Rev. H. A. Smith of Raleigh was introduced to the association. He came forward and spoke in the interest of Shaw University. After the lecture by the man of Shaw, Rev. J. A. Lewis moved that a committee be appointed to work out a budget for Shaw and report in the afternoon session. The Committee: Revs. J. A. Lewis, M. D. Dickson and V. Taylor. An offering to the amount of $2.10 was given. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Hill.

Friday Afternoon Session

The association re-assembled at 2:30 P. M. Revs. R.M. Godwin and B. F. Johnson conducted the prayer service. Rev. R. M. Godwin lined hymn 217. Rev. Johnson read the 12th chapter of Romans and led in prayer. Music was rendered by the choir.

Next in order was report of committee on Nomination of Officers. They made their report, and after some discussion the report of the committee was adopted. The officers were elected for the ensuing year. After the election of officers the hour having arrived for the Educational sermon, Rev. M. D. Dickson, the appointee, ascended the rostrum, accompanied by Rev. J. W. Williams. Song service by Mrs. M. D. Dickson, after which the speaker came forward and spoke from Acts 4:13, subject "Training for Usefulness." The sermon was enjoyed by the entire association. After such a splendid sermon Rev. Godwin and Bro. Lofton lifted an offering of $1.60. This amount was paid to Sister Whitty. Benediction by Rev. M. D. Dickson.

Friday Night Session

The association was called to order at 7:30 P. M. Prayer service conducted by Revs. N. H. Hall and J. W. Bell. Song service by the choir. Rev. Bell read for a Scripture lesson four verses of the 35th chapter of Isaiah and offered prayer. Second selection was rendered by the choir. The chairman asked Rev. McCrae to introduce the speaker of the hour, Rev. S. L. Stanford, who was programmed to preach the Missionary sermon. He was presented by Rev. McCrae. He arose and with a few well chosen words expressed himself as being glad to meet the association, and thanked the program committee for conferring the honor upon him to preach in the association. He chose for a text Jeremiah 1:4, subject "God is calling men." He spoke of God's method in calling men; first, Moses and others; second, the class of men; and third, their duty to the call. The sermon was spiritual and full of enthusiasm. At its close Rev. J. W. Williams and Bro. J. P. Fryar lifted an offering of $12.26.

Then the report of the Union meeting was read and approved. (See report.) After which Rev. W. H. Moore was presented and laid his work before the people. He spoke from the subject "A Program with a Purpose." He made a strong appeal for Missions. Every heart was made to rejoice. Then a collection was taken for the same to the amount of $8.47. Benediction by Rev. J. D. McCrae.

Saturday Morning Session

The association assembled at 10 o'clock. Prayer service conducted by Revs. J. W. Jones and N. H. Hall. Rev. Jones lined hymn 129, "Am I a soldier of the cross," etc.

Rev. Hall read for a Scripture lesson the 3rd chapter of St. John and offered prayer. Second selection 214, was sung. A motion was made to hear the minutes of the previous day's session. They were read and approved. Then we listened to the reports of the various committees, after which the hour having arrived for the sermon, Rev. H. Peterson who was programmed and being absent on account of high water, Rev. W. H. Moore was asked to preach the sermon. He ascended the rostrum accompanied by Rev. J. D. McCrae who lined hymn No. 158, which was sung by the audience. The President arose and after some fitting words relative to the speaker, he said it gave him great pleasure to present Rev. W. H. Moore to preach the sermon. Rev. Moore then arose and with chosen words stated the condition of the President of his association, Rev. H. Peterson, and why he failed to be present. He selected his text from St. Luke 18:1, subject " Persistent Prayer." He spoke of prayer in several ways. First, the necessity of prayer; second, the power of prayer; third, the result of prayer; then the dependency of man and the independency of God. The sermon was a masterpiece, full of thought and enthusiasm. He took us away in a spiritual atmosphere and our hearts did burn while he talked with us. Then Rev. J. J. Howze led in a fervent prayer. Mrs. M. D. Dickson sang a solo, entitled "Prayer."

Rev. J. D. McCrae and Bro. J. D. Faison lifted a collection of $16.95. Then we heard the report of committee on Place. The committee recommended that the association meet in the session of 1930 with the Wilson Chapel Church, Sampson County, Turkey, N. C. The same was received and adopted. We then heard a partial report of the Finance Committee, $741.57. The report was received as information. Rev. G. A. Mial was presented and spoke of the Union Reformer, the Baptist paper. Benediction by Rev. Mial.

Saturday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was given over to the Daughters of Zion who took charge of the service. They had a very spiritual praise service and speaking meeting.

Then the President presented Rev. A. J. Boney to preach the sermon. He came forward and took for a text St. Luke 12:15, subject "A life that counts." The speaker discussed the subject under two heads; first he mentioned some whose lives did not count, namely, the Prodigal Son, the Rich man as a farmer; second, some whose lives did count, namely, Daniel, Elijah and Paul. The sermon was very interesting, full of logic, and ended with spiritual fervor. At the close of the sermon the offering was lifted to the amount of $8.00.

Benediction by Rev. J. D. McCrae.

Saturday Night Session

The association re-assembled at 7:30 o'clock. The Daughters of Zion continued with the session and the service was conducted by the Counselor, Rev. J. Mac Newkirk. Rev. W. D. Wilson read the Scripture lesson, after which a song was rendered by the choir. Then Rev. Newkirk introduced the speaker, Rev. J. D. McCrae. He used for a text the 12th verse of the 6th chapter of Timothy, subject "Winning by Fighting." The sermon was uplifting and enthusing. It was a masterpiece, and the speaker seemed to have been at his best. At the close of the sermon the offering was taken by Mrs. Emma Cobb and Mrs. Maggie Pickett, amount $20.65. Then offering prayer by Bro. Joseph Fryar.

This brought the association to a close. Benediction by Rev. J. D. McCrae.

REPORTS

Report of Committee on Ways and Means

Brother Moderator:

We your committee on Ways and Means, beg leave to submit the following report: As we are about to close the fifty-ninth annual association history to enter into its sixtieth year, we recommend that a history of the past of the association and the former Moderator, Rev. Thomas Parker, be read in our next annual session by the Corresponding Secretary, and that the association have the picture of the late Thomas Parker enlarged and unveiled on Friday evening in the next session of this association.

As this will be the sixtieth year of our association history, we recommend that each church bring ten cents for each year that the association has been organized as a memorial of its history. The church bringing the highest amount over the quota will be awarded the picture of the late Moderator.

The Moderator will appoint a special man to take charge of this work and keep it before the churches of the association until our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. E. M. SAUNDERS,
J. A. LEWIS,
E. S. BLACKMORE,
WILLIE MURRAY,
J. R. FAISON,
J. E. KINSEY,
SAMPSON FARRIOR,
W. J. CLAYTON,
MRS. MATTIE JACKSON,
REV. M. D. DICKSON, D. D.

Treasurer's Report for 1929

Mount Olive, N. C., Oct. 17, 1929.

Brother Moderator and Brethren of the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association:

As Treasurer of this great organization I wish to submit my fourth annual report. I have done what I could to serve you loyally, faithfully and punctually. If there is any mistake, it is an error of the head and not of the heart. I have the orders as presented from the Executive Board, signed by the Moderator and Secretary.

Received from the last session at Chinquepin 1928	$ 763.63
Sunday School Convention 1929	50.00
Sale of Furniture	30.25
Semi-Annual Session of Association	6.00
Total	$ 849.88

DISBURSEMENTS

W. H. Walker, service	$ 2.00	
J. N. McKnight	5.00	
J. T. Deans	5.00	
J. D. McCrae	5.00	
H. E. Wright, service	2.00	
H. Newkirk	2.00	
C. C. Herring	3.00	
C. C. Graham	3.00	
Edward Faison	2.00	
J. H. Jobson	3.00	
J. J. Howze	5.00	
N. H. Hall	5.00	
S. H. Newkirk	7.00	
J. H. Johnson, Auditor	6.00	
J. H. Johnson, Treasurer	10.00	
A. J. Boney, Corresponding Secretary	7.00	
A. J. Boney, Bills	8.50	
D. A. Williams, Board Meeting	5.00	
J. Mac Newkirk	25.00	
Dr. J. E. Shepard	15.00	
Duplin Record	6.58	
E. Q. Moore	25.00	
Bank of Faison	300.00	
Board of Trustees	50.00	
A. R. Middleton	25.00	
Mrs. M. D. Dickson	3.00	
Miss McCloude, Music	3.00	
Sudie Raynor	180.00	
J. Mac Newkirk, Expense	15.00	
J. P. Faison	3.00	
Katie Davis	2.00	
J. H. Moore	25.00	
State Convention	23.00	
J. W. Bady	5.00	
Bertha Thompson	5.00	
E. M. Saunders	5.00	
Professor Reid	30.00	
Duplin Record	6.04	$ 837.48
Balance on hand		$ 12.40

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. JOHNSON, Treasurer

Committee on Obituary

Brother Moderator and Members of the Association:

We your committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following report:

Whereas the monster Death has visited our fields and reports show that fifty-five persons have been called from labor to reward since our last session, let us extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of the bereaved and bow in humble submission to him who doeth all things well.

Respectfully Submitted,

REV. S. J. GAVINS,
REV. R. S. WILSON,
REV. N. H. HALL,
BRO. J. D. PEARSALL,
BRO. LON GLASPIE.
BRO. C. DIXON, Jr.

Revised Constitution

Article I. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Kenansville Eastern Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men, and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity of the New Testament, to foster harmony among the churches, to encourage Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, and in the establishing of a High School for the education of the people.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of ministers and delegates chosen by the churches connected with it, each church being entitled to three delegates who shall be members or pastor of that church.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation. The letter must state the condition of the church and the amounts of money sent up for each and all purposes.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Vice Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor, who shall be chosen annually from among its members by ballot, by a majority of votes cast, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, decide all questions under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie. He shall be ex-officio chairman of all Boards, with power to call at pleasure. He shall have power to appoint any officer to any vacancy which shall occur during the year, by death, resignation or disqualification to act.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and to superintend the printing of the minutes and distribution of the same among the churches.

Art 8. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to keep in correspondence with other bodies in good standing.

Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches and collect one-half the funds during the sessions and the other half he shall pay to the church where the Association is held, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 10. It shall be the duty of the Auditor at each annual session of the Association to examine carefully the receipts, vouchers, papers and books of the Treasurer, and his certificate to same shall be attached.

Art. 11. This Association shall appoint an Executive Board consisting of seven members of the Association in the absence of the gen-

eral body. They shall have power to disburse all sums by the Treasurer of the Association for all objects, and take such steps for the advancement as they may deem advisable, and shall make an annual report of their doings to the Association.

Art. 12. This Association shall elect a Ministerial Board annually. It shall be the duty of this Board, (1) to examine applicants for ordination; (2) to ordain such applicants that shall pass a satisfactory examination; (3) to examine the credentials of ministers that shall apply for membership; (4) and to pass on the moral status of ministers of the Association, aud report their findings to the Association.

Art. 13. This Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them all privileges of the Association except that of voting.

Art. 14. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Thursday before the third Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 15. By appointment of this Association, there shall be an Introductory sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary, Temperance, Educational and Doctrinal sermon preached.

Art. 16. This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Art. 17. This Association shall contribute to the support of any superannuated minister in good standing in this Association the sum of five dollars per annum.

Art. 18. All ordained and licentiate ministers shall pay $1.00, deacons 50 cents, delegates 25 cents as annual fees.

RULES OF ORDER

1. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is made known. In case of his absence, a chairman shall be elected.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever the presiding officer may be.

3. At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy that becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority, may vote for reconsideration.

11. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of the votes.

13. This Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

14. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority of votes.

COVENANT

Forasmuch as God Almighty by His grace, has been pleased to call us, as we hope, out of the darkness into His marvelous light; and all of us have been regularly baptized on a profession of faith in Christ Jesus, and have given up ourselves to the Lord, and to one another, in a Gospel Church relation, to be governed and guided by proper discipline, according to God's word; we do, therefore, in the name of our Lord Jesus, and by His assistance, covenant and agree to keep the discipline of the Church of which we are members in the most brotherly affection towards one another, and endeavor punctually to observe the following rules: 1st. In brotherly love to pray for each other, to watch over one another, and if needs to be in the most tender and affectionate manner, to reprove one another; that is, if we discover anything amiss in a brother, to go and tell him of his faults according to the direction given in the 18th chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew, and not to be whispering and backbiting. 2nd. We also agree with God's assistance, to pray in our families, attend our church meetings, and not to absent ourselves from the communion of the Lord's Supper without a lawful excuse; to be ready to contribute to the defraying of the church expenses and support of the Missionary, and not irregularly depart from fellowship of the church, nor remove to distant churches without a regular dismission.

These things we do covenant and and agree to observe and keep sacred, in the name of and by the assistance of the Holy Trinity. AMEN.